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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Materiel 14 December 1956
THROUGH : Deputy Project Director
SUBJECT : Remaining Action on Recent Communications Re Supply Matters

1. My assessment of where we stand in the current battle of words with [REDACTED] on supply procedures is as follows:

a. In [REDACTED] 2150 and [REDACTED] 2153 it is stated that [REDACTED] Colonel Marthens for USAFE, Colonel Gordon for USAF Headquarters and Major Jones for SAC, have all agreed on the supply procedure therein outlined.

b. This procedure was on the whole consistent with our prior policy guidance in [REDACTED] 6700 and in any case it involves arrangements which we had already explicitly sanctioned in various messages about [REDACTED] type items and common use items. We have therefore in [REDACTED] 6750 concurred in general in the procedures agreed to at the supply conference.

c. Following the conference itself we received in [REDACTED] 2149 a lengthy inquiry about responsibilities for initiating and coordinating supply actions. This has been answered in a lengthy and carefully drafted message dated 13 December.

d. I have instructed that [REDACTED] 2149, 2150, 2151 and [REDACTED] 6750 be repeated for information to Detachment A and the [REDACTED] station so everyone will be up to date on this rapidly swelling body of doctrine.

e. On 13 December [REDACTED] and I had an opportunity to go over these messages and discuss the problems involved with L/C [REDACTED] who were briefly present at Headquarters. They seemed to understand and be quite content with the various arrangements we reviewed.

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2. To complete the setting up of these arrangements I believe that several further actions are called for as follows:

a. We should dispatch to the Detachments, the [REDACTED] Station, and (if you think wise) to [REDACTED] the detailed procedure for requisitions for local procurement through Agency channels or involving Agency financing. I understand that you have this about ready.

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b. We should decide, presumably in consultation with L/C [REDACTED], what modifications we wish to suggest or direct in the supply procedure set forth in [REDACTED] 2150. My own view is that we should consider two modifications:

First, I am convinced that [REDACTED] should continue to be the Depot through which items are shipped to Adana from the ZI since it will be far easier for Detachment B to keep in touch with [REDACTED] than with [REDACTED]

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Second, we may wish to propose that requisitions for common use items which have to be sent to Wiesbaden but which cannot fill from Theater sources should be forwarded to the ZI [REDACTED] instead of being returned to Detachment B and rerequisitioned from [REDACTED]. I question the wisdom of this modification which would make it harder to keep track of the status of outstanding requisitions.

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c. Despite our many exhortations to [REDACTED] to establish liaison with [REDACTED] (if shipments to Adana are to be routed through there), I believe we still owe him one more message of explicit instructions on this point. This seems to me to be a part of our Headquarters responsibility for prescribing supply procedures. With respect to [REDACTED] I suggest we advise [REDACTED] specifically as to the officer or officers with whom his supply officer should make contact, how the way can be prepared for his supply officer by a message from Wiesbaden, and the manner in which his supply officer should describe the activities of Detachment B to his contact at [REDACTED]. Something should also be said about [REDACTED]

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d. It might be desirable to write up in reasonably full detail a procedure based on the recent traffic and circulate this document by pouch to all concerned (it would for instance be useful to [REDACTED] to have the benefit of this before its deployment). At a minimum I believe you should make a bundle of the recent traffic and send it out to [REDACTED] so [REDACTED] will be kept up to date.

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3. I will look forward to seeing drafts of these various communications as they are prepared. If you have different views as to what we should do, please let me know. I have summarized my suggestions in this form only because I have inserted myself so frequently on these matters of late but I think we all need to know where we stand.

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